



Borough of Merchantville  
New Jersey

**CAT and DOG LICENSING BEGINNING in 2016**

*Cat and Dog licensing is a yearly requirement.* An animal census will be conducted later this year and Cats will now require licensing beginning January of 2016. The cost for spayed/neutered dogs and cats is \$18.20 and for non-spayed/neutered dogs and cats is \$23.00.

This ordinance will help institute a comprehensive humane animal management, aimed at stabilizing municipal costs for sheltering and animal control through innovative free and low-cost methods such as:

Increasing licensing compliance through programs designed to provide awareness of licensing benefits for pet owners, such as improved Return to Owner rates for lost pets, reduced euthanasia at shelters, reduced taxpayer expense for animal control, and other no-cost incentives.

Encouraging adoption, spay/neuter, vaccination and other pet-centric care through free County-provided literature containing resources and responsibilities for pet owners.

Creating provisions for community cat management initiatives to humanely reduce free-roaming cat populations, reduce shelter intake and euthanasia of cats, and reduce taxpayer expense.

Addressing nuisance issues, breeding, humane treatment of animals, and establishing clear and concise "resolution of complaint" procedures.

Putting in place the opportunity for countywide development of uniform animal control ordinances, to increase efficiency, reduce euthanasia, increase pet retention, and reduce taxpayer expenditures for animal control. The Borough office will begin accepting applications and issuing licenses after January 1st. The office is open from 8:30am-4:30pm, Monday through Friday. Please be sure to bring proof of your pet's rabies vaccination.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. The fees collected will help alleviate the administrative and supply costs of this program and will also help with funding the Borough law enforcement department in finding your missing dogs or cats if that unfortunate situation should arise.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Borough office at 856 662 2474.